Medical Practice by Indians educated abroad

287. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian students from medical colleges abroad, particularly those from CIS countries are allowed to practise freely in the country;

(b) if so, whether those institutions confirm to MCI norms;

(c) if not, whether some eligibility criteria is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The students who obtain undergraduate medical qualifications from medical institutions abroad which are recognised by the Medical Council of India under the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, and fulfilling the eligibility criteria prescribed by the Council, are eligible to get provisional registration with the State Medical Councils/Medical Council of India under Section 25(1) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 19S6, for purposes of undergoing internship training in India. On completion of internship, students are entitled to get permanent registration with the State Medical Councils/Medical Council of India under Section 13(3) of the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956 and shall be eligible to practice medicine in any part of the country.

(b) to (d) As certain deficiencies were noted in the standard of medical education imparted by some of the Institutions abroad, the Government have decided to introduce a Bill in the Parliament to amend the Indian Medical Council Act 1956 to provide for screening test for the Indian nationals holding foreign medical qualifications for their registration with the Medical Council of India/State Medical Councils to practice medicine in India.